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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, IS
SUBJECT: CHANGES IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1. IN A SOMEWHAT UNEXPECTED MOVE, THE MFA ANNOUNCED
AUGUST 1 TWO NEW ASSIGNMENTS IN ITS UPPER ECHELON.
MOSHE ALON HAS BEEN NAMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENREAL TO REPLACE
EPHRAIM EVRON WHO IS NOW DIRECTOR GENERAL. ALON HAS
BEEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
AND WILL TEMPORARILY RETAIN THAT POSITION. HIS MOST RECENT
FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT WAS AS ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY AND TO BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG.

2. MOSHE SASSON, WHO HAD BEEN SLATED TO BECOME
DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, HAS NOW BEEN DESIGNATED
AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND POLICY
PLANNING. THIS CENTER HAD BEEN HEADED BY YEHOASHUA
RAVIV, WHO RESIGNED WHEN DAYAN BECAME FOREIGN MINISTER.
SASSON WAS MOST RECENTLY AMBASSADOR TO ROME AND HAD
BEEN DESIGNATED TO HEAD THE MFA TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR
PREPARATIONS FOR GENEVA.

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3. COMMENT: THE RESEARCH CENTER HAS GONE FROM FIVE
PERSONS A FEW YEARS AGO TO ITS PRESENT STRENGTH OF
75. IT WAS GREATLY EXPANDED AS A RESULT OF ONE OF
THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AGRANAT COMMISSION AFTER
THE YOM KIPPUR WAR AND HAS BECOME MUCH MORE IMPORTANT
TO MFA OPERATIONS. SASSON RECENTLY TOLD THE DCM IT

HAS ALSO BECOME MORE IMPORTANT BECAUSE, IN THE
ABSENCE OF MANY EMBASSIES IN AFRICA, IT MUST COLLECT
AND COLLATE REPORTS FROM A NUMBER OF SOURCES AND RE-
PLACE WHAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE EMBASSY REPORTING. HE
SAID THE CENTER CONCENTRATES ON ARAB AFFAIRS AND SPENDS
APPROXIMATELY 75 PERCENT OF ITS TIME ON THAT SUBJECT. BOTH
ALLON AND SASSON ARE WELL-KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY AND
ARE WELL REGARDED FOR THEIR COMPETENCE.
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